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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Benzer et al.  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2003.

The requested extension is for one (1) month, extending the period for response to December 7, 2003.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, December 5, 2003, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed for the Petition for One Month Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of the Transmittal is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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